early date as possible, take this matter into their careful consideration.

Be it therefore resolved, that this question be referred to Committee No 1, to thoroughly investigate and devise a scheme for the encouragement and assistance of present manufacturers and those hereafter desiring to establish themselves in our city, by which, as far as possible, the manufacturing interests of our city may be established and increased. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Ald. Taylor—That the resolution carried on the 7th of February, dividing the city into four wards be rescinded, and that the city be divided into six wards, and that the same be submitted to the ratepayers, to be voted on at the same time as the frontage tax.

Council adjourned for two weeks.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Feb. 27th, 1882

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the Council Chamber, His Worship the Mayor in the chair. Present—Alds. Pritchard, O'Meara, Birrell, Jones, Taylor, Beattie, Ferguson, Browne, Minhinick, Boyd, Peel, Macbeth, Hunt, Buckle, Higgins, Skinner, Murray.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the following

COMMUNICATIONS

read by the City Clerk:

From Miss Jane Richardson, asking reduction of taxes. No. 1.

From Henry Mackey, relief. No. 1.

From J. M. Dufton, asking remission of taxes for ten years. No. 1.

From A. Hourd & Co., remission of taxes for ten years. No. 1.

From Joseph Shaw, relative to establishing a cotton factory. No. 1.

Chas. W. Kent for permission to move frame building within the fire limits. Committee No. 3

Chief of Fire Department on Location of Alarm Boxes, etc. Committee No. 3.

Accounts — Wm. Yates, balance on steam roller, $1,200. Referred to Committees Nos. 2 and 1.

Wm. Williams, posting bills, $7. Com. No. 1.

From Thos. Partridge, asking permission to close Matilda street.

MATILDA STREET.

The by law for closing Matilda street was read the requisite number of times and passed.

FRONTAGE TAX.

The by-law regulating the frontage tax was read the first time.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the by-law be referred to No. 2 Committee.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the by-law pass the first reading. Carried.

Yeas—Aldermen Hunt, Birrell, Murray, O'Meara, Jones, Skinner, Beattie, Ferguson, Higgins, Minhinnick, Macbeth.

Nays—Aldermen Pritchard, Taylor, Browne, Boyd, Buckle and Peel.

Read the second time.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the clause of the Act referred to therein be published in full, and that 1,000 bills containing the By-Law be printed and posted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Birrell, That the clauses of the Act be printed and attached to the By-law and that a thousand copies be printed. Carried.

Yeas—Alds. Hunt, Birrell, Murray, O'Meara, Jones, Beattie, Ferguson, Higgins, Minhinnick, Macbeth.

Nays—Alds. Pritcherd, Taylor, Skinner, Browne, Boyd, Buckle, Peel.

By-law read the third time, and referred for publication.

Yeas—Alds. Hunt, Birrell, Murray. O'Meara, Jones, Beattie, Ferguson, Higgins, Minhinnick and Macbeth.

Nays— Pritchard, Taylor, Skinner, Browne, Boyd, Buckle and Peel.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Birrell, in the absence of Ald. Hyman, chairman, submitted the following report from No. 1 Committee:—

1st. That the account of M. D. Dawson for $42 05 be paid.

2nd. That the petition of D. McInnis for remission of tax be granted, as recommended by the Relief Officer.

3rd. That this committee recommend the Council to offer exemption from taxes to any party or parties starting a new line of industry in the city in the following way:—

1st. If they employ 15 to 20 hands, to be exempt from taxes on plant for ten years.

2nd. If they employ 40 to 50 hands, to be exempt from taxes on plant, land and building for ten years.

3rd. If they employ 75 to 100 hands, to be exempt from taxes on plant, land, building and capital for ten years.